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SUBJECT: REVERE

1. CHANDLER OF SOUTHWIRE CONTACTED HUNT OF OPIC, APRIL 14. HE PROVIDED SOME ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE SCOPE OF THE RECENT STUDY OF THE REVERE JAMAICA ALUMINA (RJA) FACILITIES. HE SPOKE IN A GUARDED MANNER AND DID NOT DISCLOSE FINDINGS OR CONCLUSIONS. CHANDLER STRESSED THAT SOUTHWIRE HAD BEEN STRICTLY IN CAPACITY AS CONSULTANT WITH RESPECT TO THIS REPORT, THAT SOUTHWIRE HAD NO OBJECTION TO ITS RELEASE TO OPIC AND REVERE, BUT THAT DISPOSITION OF THE REPORT IS ENTIRELY UP TO GOJ. CHANDLER WAS IN KINGSTON LATE LAST WEEK AND KNEW OF REQUEST FOR COPY OF REPORT. OPIC IS RENEWING REQUEST BY LETTER TO BAUXITE COMMISSION CHAIRMAN ROUSSEAU.

2. ALTHOUGH CHANDLER SAID IT WAS "PURELY AN ENGINEERING STUDY", HE ALSO MENTIONED SOME MATTERS INDICATING THAT THE STUDY ALSO DEALT WITH ECONOMIC FEASIBILITY, AT LEAST
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TO SOME EXTENT. THE STUDY WAS LIMITED TO THE EXPANSION

TO 300,000 TONS AND IT CONSIDERED COST FACTORS OF BOTH
A BARE BONES EXPANSION AND ONE WHICH WOULD PROVIDE
MORE ADEQUATELY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AND SAFETY FACTORS.

AS TO PLANT MAINTENANCE, HE SAID PRESENT PHYSICAL CONDI-
TIONS PERMIT START-UP. HE DID NOT DISCLOSE THEIR
FINDINGS AS TO ANTICIPATED PRODUCTION COSTS OR WHETHER
IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO REACH RATED CAPACITY WITH EXISTING
EQUIPMENT. ROBINSON

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